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1. POST NOW COMPLETING U.S. ENTRY DOCUMENTATION 38
FAMILIES (92 PEOPLE) WHOSE NAME CHEKS DONE AND WHO EITHER
DO NOT REQUIRE VISA NUMBERS OR ARE APPROVED FOR HUMANITARIAN
PAROLE. THESE NUCLEI ARE:
185 602 659 942 977
1071 1085 1117 1155 1186
1195 1201 1211 1215 1229
1235 1236 1248 1303 1330
1331 1339 1370 1386 1391
1396 1413 1460 1485 1486
1487 1493 1494 1515 1520
1530 1540 1560

2. IF ONLY A FEW OF REMAINING NAME CHECKS ARE
COMPLETED OR PENDING PAROLE REQUESTS ARE GRANTED, OR A
SOLUTION IS FOUND TO THE VISA NUMBERS PROBLEM, WE
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SHOULD EASILY BE ABLE TO PICK UP ENOUGH FAMILIES TO
FILL A FIRST CHARTER 727 CAPACITY 125) AS EARLY AS
THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. DEPT. IS URGED TO PROCEED
WITH FINAL CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS FOR FIRST FLIGHT.

3. IF DEPT. COMPLETES ALL OUTSTANDING NAME CHECKS,
OBTAINS EXPEDITIOUS APPROVAL OF PENDING PAROLE REQUESTS

AND PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON VISA NUMBERS, POST WILL HAVE AS MANY AS 81 FAMILIES 260 PEOPLE) READY TO MOVE SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DEPT.'S URGING, USINT PRESSED VERY HARD TO GET GOC LIST OF APPROVED FAMILIES. AS SOON AS CUBAN IMMIGRATION WAS RELIEVED FROM ITS HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FOREIGNERS ATTENDING 11TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, IT RESPONDED IMMEDIATELY, AND WE UNDERSTAND IS NOW WONDERING ABOUT DELAY IN USG ACTION. MOREOVER, THE FAMILIES THEMSELVES ARE INCREASINGLY DISTRESSED BY THE DELAY AND SOME FACE PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS. THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY DELAYS ARE THOSE FROM EASTERN PROVINCES (NUCLIE 927, 1034, 1194, 1195, 1201, 1248, 1313, 1331, 1391) WHO AT INSTRUCTION OF OVERZEALOUS CUBAN IMMIGRATION IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, GAVE UP JOBS, TURNED IN HOUSES, RATION BOOKS, CARS, BANK ACCOUNTS AND CAME TO HAVANA TO BOARD A CHARTER FLIGHT THEY UNDERSTOOD FROM IMMIGRATION TO BE SCHEDULED FOR AROUND AUGUST 22. THESE FAMILIES ARE NOW IMPOSING ON HOSPITALITY OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN HAVANA WHOSE MONTHLY FOOD RATION CANNOT STRETCH MUCH FURTHER. USINT WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO MOVE THESE FAMILIES.

5. PROCESSING AS IT HAS INVOLVED HAS WORKED INJUSTICE ON THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE COMPLETED EVERY NEW USG REQUIREMENT (I-130, CIVIL DOCUMENTS, AFFIDAVITS) IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TIMELY MANNER AND NOW CANNOT TRAVEL BECAUSE NAME CHECKS NOT DONE, VISAT NUMBERS NOT AVAILABLE.

6. AS A MATTER OF EQUITY, POST WOULD PREFER TO MOVE FAMILIES IN ORDER OF NUCLEO NUMBERS. LOWEST NUMBERS HAVE WAITED LONGEST TO LEAVE CUBA. THEREFORE, IF DEPT. CANNOT COMPLETE ALL NAME CHECKS EXPEDITIOUSLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE APPROVAL OF LOWEST NUMBERS FIRST.
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